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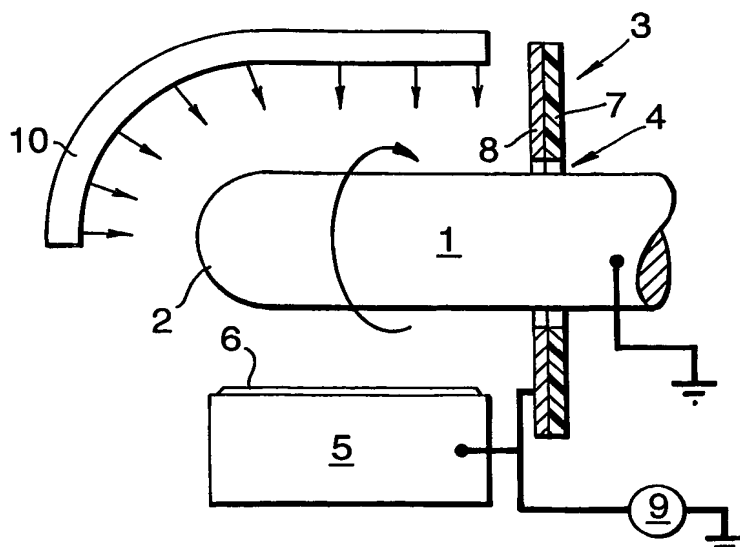
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a capsule shell comprises preparing the capsule
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rality of capsule shells may be produced by a
process comprising electrostatically applying a
powder coating material to a plurality of shaped
substrates, treating the powder to form a contin-
uous coating layer on each of the shaped sub-
strates, and removing the shaped coating lay-
ers from the substrate to provide hollow cap-
sule shells. An apparatus for the production of
a capsule shell includes a substrate, a source of
charged powder material and a voltage source
for applying a bias voltage between the source
of powder material and the substrate to gener-
ate an electric field therebetween such that powder
material is applied to the substrate.

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